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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

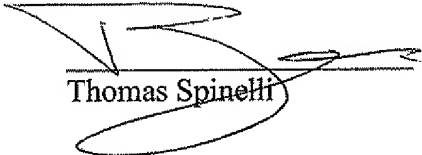
1. U.S. Patent No. 5,872,861, issued to Makram-Ebeid, dated February 16, 1999;
2. Krevsky, Benjamin et al., "Enhanced imaging of angiodysplasias using remote endoscopic digital spectroscopy", *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* (1996), Vol. 44, No. 5, pp. 598-602;

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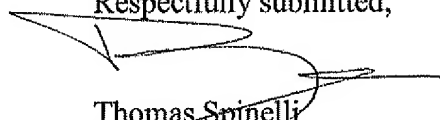
3. Englmeier, K.-H. et al., "A method for the estimation of the hemoglobin distribution in gastroscopic images", International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing (1996), Vol. 41, No. 3, pp. 153-165; and
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,945,409, issued to Nakamura, dated July 31, 1990.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated March 27, 2008 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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Also enclosed herewith is a Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) and a date-of-receipt stamped letter to establish the date on which the European Search Report was received.

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